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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FONMIN VIGNES VIEWS ON BUENOS AIRES MFM

1. AT THE END OF THEIR FIRST MORNING SESSION WITH ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS NOV 25, US POLICY PLANNING VISITORS, ACCCOMPANIED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WERE RECEIVED BY FONMIN VIGNES AT NOON.

2. AFTER EXPOSITION BY SAMEUL LEWIS OF PURPOSE OF POLICY PLANNING GROUPS VISIT TO FOUR IMPORTANT COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AMERICAN AND EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR GOA'S INTEREST IN THE CONVERSATIONS, FONMIN DWELT AT LENGTH ON PROSPECTS FOR UPCOMING BUENOS AIRES MFM IN MARCH, EXPLAINING THAT HE HAD ALREADY REPLIED TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER (STATE 255685). VIGNES SAID RESULTS OF QUITO CONFERENCE CONFIRMED VIEW HE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN ROME TO EFFECT THAT CONFERENCE TIMING WAS PREMATURE. QUESTION NOW WAS TO CONCENTRATE ON MAKING MARCH MFM A SUCCESS BY BRINGING ABOUT A NEW UNITY AMONG LATIN AMERICANS.

3. US SIDE MENTIONED THAT FAILURE OF SOME LATIN COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN GUARANTIES THAT CASTRO WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THEIR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE OF QUITO SPONSORS TO OBTAIN FOURTEEN AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. VIGNES AGREED AND SAID THAT IN ORDER TO ASSURE POLITICAL SUCCESS OF MARCH MFM HE PERSONALLY WOULD BE WILLING TO SEEK SUCH GUARANTIES FROM CUBANS, AND FELT REASONABLY CERTAIN THEY COULD BE OBTAINED.

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VIGNES, HOWEVER, ASKED THAT THE US ASSURE HIM BEFOREHAND

WHAT ATTITUDE THE US WOULD TAKE IF CUBAN GUARANTIES WERE OBTAINED.
HE ARGUED THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERTAKE A PERSONAL DEMARCHE
VIS-A-VIS RAUL ROA WITHOUT ADVANCE ASSURANCES OF THE US POSITION
IF DEMARCHE SUCCESSFUL.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN TEXT OF VIGNES REPLY TO
SECRETARY'S LETTER, INASMUCH AS REPLY SENT THROUGH ARGENTINE
EMBASSY WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT SENDING US TEXT,
SINCE NORTH AMERICAN DESK IN FONOFF DOES NOT HAVE COPY.
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